

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 3304

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served March 13, 1989

Application of THE AIRPORT)
CONNECTION, INC., for a Certificate)
of Public Convenience and Necessity)
-- Charter Operations)

Case No. AP-88-57

By application filed November 22, 1988, The Airport Connection, Inc. (TAC or applicant), seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity to transport passengers, together with their baggage in the same vehicle as passengers, in charter operations between Washington National Airport, Arlington County, VA, and Washington Dulles International Airport, Loudoun County, VA, on the one hand, and, on the other, points in the Metropolitan District, restricted to the transportation of passengers and aircraft crews having a prior or subsequent movement by air, and further restricted against transportation solely within the Commonwealth of Virginia.

TAC holds WMATC Certificate No. 111 which as reissued today pursuant to Order No. 3302, authorizes the following transportation:

IRREGULAR ROUTES

SPECIAL OPERATIONS transporting passengers and their baggage, in the same vehicle with passengers, between Washington National Airport, Arlington County, VA, and Dulles International Airport, Loudoun County, VA, on the one hand, and, on the other, points in the Metropolitan District.

RESTRICTED against transportation solely within the Commonwealth of Virginia.

In addition TAC holds temporary authority to perform the transportation for which it seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity. */ See Order No. 3303, served March 13, 1989.

*/ WMATC Certificate No. 111 formerly authorized charter operations throughout the Metropolitan District with a limited exception pertaining to Montgomery County, MD. By Order No. 3302, served March 13, 1989, the Commission granted TAC's request to transfer that authority to Airport Baggage Carriers, Inc. The request to transfer was occasioned by the proposed sale of TAC's stock to Airport Transit, Inc., in the context of a bankruptcy proceeding. See Order No. 3302. By this application TAC seeks only that limited charter authority requisite to performing such airport diversion work as is required by its contract with the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority.

TAC would provide the proposed service using 18 vans each having a manufacturer's designed seating capacity of 11 passengers, not including the driver, and ten coaches each having a manufacturer's designed seating capacity of 45 passengers, not including the driver. The proposed tariff, which is identical to that charged by TAC under its temporary authority but represents a rate decrease for service in 23 to 40-passenger vehicles as compared with the rates contained in TAC's WMATC Tariff No. 9 is as follows:

CHARTER OPERATIONS

	Per Hour	Minimum Charge
11 and fewer passenger vehicles	\$25.00	\$100.00
12 to 22 passenger vehicles	\$35.00	\$140.00
23 to 40 passenger vehicles	\$44.00	\$176.00
4 hour minimum		

AIRPORT TRANSFERS (Regular Coach)

To Points in Metropolitan District

National Airport	\$160.00
Dulles International Airport	\$180.00

In support of its application TAC has submitted a balance sheet as of December 31, 1987; a statement of income and expenses for the six months ended December 31, 1988; a balance sheet as of June 30, 1988 (marked "preliminary draft, discussion purposes only"); and a statement of income and expenses for the year ended June 30, 1988 (marked "preliminary draft, discussion purposes only").

Pursuant to Title II, Article XII, Section 4(b) of the Compact, this application will be scheduled for public hearing to determine if applicant is fit, willing, and able to perform the proposed service properly and comply with the Compact and the Commission's rules and regulations and to determine whether the public convenience and necessity require the proposed service. Applicant will be assessed an amount preliminarily estimated to cover expenses applicant is required to bear pursuant to the Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 19.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

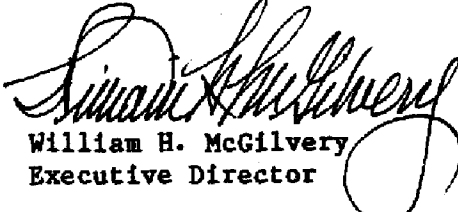
1. That a public hearing in Case No. AP-88-57 is hereby scheduled to commence Tuesday, May 11, 1989, at 9:30 a.m. in the Hearing Room of the Commission, 1828 L Street, N.W., Suite 703, Washington, DC 20036-5104.
2. That The Airport Connection, Inc., shall publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District and post continuously and conspicuously in each of its vehicles through the date of public hearing, notice of this application and the hearing thereon in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission, no later than Friday, April 7, 1989, and shall present at the hearing affidavits of publication and posting.

3. That any person desiring to protest this application shall file a protest in accordance with Commission Rule No. 14, or any person desiring to be heard on this matter shall so notify the Commission, in writing, no later than Friday, April 28, 1989, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest or notice on applicant's attorney, William F. King, Esq., Suite 1018, 4660 Kenmore Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304.

4. That The Airport Connection, Inc., is hereby assessed \$400 pursuant to Title II, Article XII, Section 19 of the Compact, and is directed to deliver said amount to the office of the Commission, no later than Friday, April 28, 1989.

5. That The Airport Connection, Inc., is hereby directed to file with the Commission, no later than Friday, April 28, 1989, the following: (a) a complete schedule of equipment operated by it within the Metropolitan District, (b) a balance sheet not more than six months old, (c) an operating statement for at least a six-month period beginning on or about August 1, 1988, and (d) a projection of revenue and revenue deductions (including allocable fixed expenses) to be generated by the proposed operations.

FOR THE COMMISSION:


William H. McGilvery
Executive Director